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LB 916

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FISCAL NOTE

LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ANALYST ESTIMATE

Revised based on amendments adopted.

ESTIMATE OF FISCAL IMPACT – STATE AGENCIES *

	FY 2004-05		FY 2005-06	
	EXPENDITURES	REVENUE	EXPENDITURES	REVENUE
GENERAL FUNDS				
CASH FUNDS	23,000	23,000	243,000	243,000
FEDERAL FUNDS				
OTHER FUNDS				
TOTAL FUNDS	23,000	23,000	243,000	243,000

*Does not include impact on political subdivisions. See narrative for political subdivision estimates.

LB 916 would amend provisions of the Livestock Waste Management Act, including sections relating to fees assessed under the program. LB 916 as amended would revise the fee structure of the program to include: 1) inspection fees would be established by the Environmental Quality Council and would range from a minimum of \$100 to a maximum of \$500; 2) construction permit fees would be established at \$200 for a facility of any size; and 3) an annual per-head fee would be established beginning February 1, 2006. There is no basis to disagree with the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) estimate that in FY2004-05, \$23,000 in additional cash fund revenue may be realized from the fee increases and that \$243,000 in cash fund revenue may be realized in FY2005-06. All revenue would be deposited in the Livestock Waste Management Cash Fund.

LB 915 as amended states that beginning in fiscal year 2007-08, DEQ shall annually review and adjust the fee structure to ensure that the fees are adequate to meet 20% of the program costs from the previous fiscal year. Through FY2003-04, additional General Funds have been appropriated to DEQ to supplement the program due to lower-than-estimated cash fund revenue. The Appropriations Committee recommendation for FY2004-05 does not include additional General Funds for the program. Therefore, significant General Fund reductions as a result of the increased fees in LB 916 are not anticipated.